



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

July 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Jun 04 Preliminary	May 04 Revised	Jun 03 Revised		Jun 04 Preliminary	May 04 Revised	Jun 03 Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,127.6	1,126.3	1,115.9	Utilities	7.9	7.8	8.0
Natural Resources & Mining	8.7	8.5	8.8	Electric Power	5.5	5.4	5.6
Construction	51.5	50.9	50.8	Transportation & Warehousing	35.5	35.5	37.8
Manufacturing	181.2	180.7	178.4	Warehousing & Storage	7.4	7.5	8.0
Durable Goods	116.9	116.5	111.6	Information	14.8	14.7	15.0
Wood Products	13.4	13.1	13.3	Telecommunications	8.0	8.0	7.8
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.9	5.8	5.9	Finance & Insurance	35.0	34.7	34.4
Primary Metals	2.7	2.6	2.7	Credit Intermediation	21.8	21.7	21.2
Fabricated Metals	11.4	11.3	11.6	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.6	15.5	15.5
Machinery	11.3	11.2	12.0	Insurance Carriers	11.2	11.0	11.5
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.1	4.0	4.1	Real Estate & Rental	11.8	12.0	11.9
Computers - Electronics	3.0	3.0	3.0	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	30.0	29.5	28.3
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	9.0	8.9	9.0	Management of Companies	9.7	9.7	10.6
Electrical Equipment	3.8	3.7	4.2	Admin Spt & Waste Management	41.8	41.9	39.3
Transportation Equipment	28.0	27.9	23.7	Education Services	14.1	14.0	14.3
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.5	6.5	6.7	Health Care & Social Assistance	103.1	103.8	99.4
Ship & Boat Building	15.3	15.3	13.1	Hospitals	30.8	30.5	30.2
Furniture	28.8	28.9	27.2	Nursing & Resident Care	21.0	20.5	20.0
Nondurable Goods	64.3	64.2	66.8	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	13.2	12.5	14.5
Food Products	28.1	28.3	28.0	Amusements, Gambling, Recreation	12.2	11.4	13.5
Animal Slaughtering	19.4	19.3	20.2	Gambling	5.9	5.7	6.4
Apparel	5.5	5.2	5.9	Accommodation & Food Services	112.1	112.2	111.2
Paper Products	5.7	5.7	6.4	Accommodation	38.1	37.6	38.1
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.3	2.2	2.8	Food Services & Drinking	74.0	74.6	73.1
Converted Paper Products	3.4	3.5	3.6	Other Services (Private)	37.6	36.8	38.0
Chemicals	5.7	5.7	7.0	Repair & Maintenance	10.2	9.9	10.1
Plastics & Rubber	9.4	9.4	9.3	Government	244.6	245.9	242.2
Wholesale Trade	36.3	36.4	35.3	Federal	26.4	25.8	25.9
Retail Trade	138.7	138.8	137.7	State	60.8	60.5	63.4
Food & Beverage Stores	19.6	19.4	19.6	State Education	21.1	20.7	23.4
Grocery Stores	18.2	17.9	17.7	Local	157.4	159.6	152.9
General Merchandise	38.2	38.2	37.2	Local Education	82.0	86.7	80.2
Department Stores	10.4	10.6	10.3				
Other General Merchandise	27.8	27.6	26.9				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

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Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03	Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03	Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03
Manufacturing	\$506.73	\$514.44	\$506.79	38.8	39.3	39.5	\$13.06	\$13.09	\$12.83
Durable Goods	\$533.25	\$548.78	\$527.72	39.5	40.5	39.5	\$13.50	\$13.55	\$13.36
Wood Products	\$439.74	\$462.78	\$423.65	41.8	43.7	39.3	\$10.52	\$10.59	\$10.78
Fabricated Metals	\$541.49	\$548.23	\$532.89	38.9	40.4	38.2	\$13.92	\$13.57	\$13.95
Machinery	\$622.73	\$609.04	\$549.18	43.7	42.8	40.5	\$14.25	\$14.23	\$13.56
Furniture	\$428.70	\$456.00	\$441.00	36.3	38.0	36.0	\$11.81	\$12.00	\$12.25
Nondurable Goods	\$461.83	\$454.58	\$474.00	37.7	37.2	39.5	\$12.25	\$12.22	\$12.00
Food Products	\$389.32	\$391.82	\$376.99	38.7	39.3	39.6	\$10.06	\$9.97	\$9.52

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 1,300 from May and 11,700 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 500 jobs over the month and 2,800 since June 2003.
- ◆ Once again, the largest monthly employment decrease occurred in government with 1,300 less jobs than May.
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 7,000 more people than May. Unemployed individuals increased 6,500 and employed individuals increased 500 over the month.
- ◆ The June unemployment rate increased five-tenths of one percentage point over the month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03
All Items	185.3	184.7	179.6	Medical Care	309.4	308.4	295.5
Food & Beverages	186.4	186.0	179.5	Recreation / 1	106.7	106.6	105.5
Housing	185.6	184.1	180.9	Education & Communications / 1	109.4	109.2	107.8
Apparel	119.6	122.8	118.7	Other Goods & Services	311.8	311.5	306.0
Transportation	164.0	163.6	155.7	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	189.7	189.1	183.7

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03		Jun 04	May 04	Jun 03
	Prelim.	Revised	Revised		Prelim.	Revised	Revised
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Labor Force	1,327.6	1,320.6	1,330.3	Labor Force	1,316.0	1,317.1	1,318.9
Unemployed	81.0	74.5	100.5	Unemployed	70.0	73.4	89.6
Rate	6.1%	5.6%	7.6%	Rate	5.3%	5.6%	6.8%
Employed	1,246.6	1,246.1	1,229.8	Employed	1,246.0	1,243.7	1,229.3
U.S. Rate	5.8	5.3	6.5	U.S. Rate	5.6	5.6	6.3

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